



## Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting May 2024

### SOUTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- Junior Ranger Adventure Day was held at Davis Creek on March 16<sup>th</sup>. 23 children learned more about fire safety and living in bear country
- Come in from the Cold ended on March 16<sup>th</sup> with an average attendance of over 80 people enjoying the music and refreshments at Bartley Ranch Regional Park
- Multiple clean ups were completed including removing 60 yards of brush and debris from Ballardini trailhead and 90 yards of brush and debris from Bartley Ranches historic buildings and surrounding areas.
- Ranger staff was able to complete CPR, escalation and OC spray training to support the upcoming changes to citation authority
- The Great Community Cleanup was held in partnership with KTMB with sites at Dorostkar Park, Crystal Peak Park, Bartley Ranch Regional Park and Ambrose Park with the appreciation BBQ at Bartley Ranch Regional Park after the cleanup
- Bowers Mansion had the security system upgraded to maintain the safety and security of one of Northern Nevadas most important structures from the Comstock

### SOUTH REGION UPCOMING EVENTS

- Programs on the Porch will be returning to Bowers Mansion Regional Park Fridays at 7pm on May 17<sup>th</sup> with Carson Street Ragtime Band and will run through June 21<sup>st</sup>
- Bowers Mansion Living History Day will be held on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> at Bowers Mansion from 11am-3pm and will feature self-guided tours and history talks on the hour
- Evenings on the Ranch will begin on July 10<sup>th</sup> at Bartley Ranch with a performance from The Birches at 7pm
- Galena Creek Regional Parks campfire programs will begin on June 28<sup>th</sup> with Songs of The Sierra

### NORTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- A farm-themed Junior Ranger Adventure Day was led by Park Rangers Celia Walker and Red Muratory at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park's Nevada Farms and Families area on February 24<sup>th</sup>, with over 20 children and their families in attendance.



- Spring Break Discovery Days took place in Rancho San Rafael's Discovery Room on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week (March 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> & April 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) during Spring Break for the Washoe County School District, in partnership with the Discovery Room volunteers and Ranger staff.
- More than 25 children and their families attended a pollinator-themed Junior Ranger Adventure Day on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at Sun Valley Regional Park led by Park Rangers Gabe Barbato and Celia Walker.
- North Region staff led over 100 volunteers on several projects as part of KTMB's Great Community Cleanup on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, including weed removal projects at Swan Lake NSA and North Valleys Regional Park and a planting project at Lockwood Trailhead.
- Over 500 people attended "Farm Day" at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm, which included crafts and live demonstrations from Nevada Department of Agriculture, Girl Scouts of Sierra NV, Valley Amigos, WCSO Mounted Unit, an antique tractor display, the Washoe County Library's brand new "Book-mobile", and the first opportunity for public input for Rancho San Rafael's Master Plan Survey.
- The first annual North Valleys Resource Fair took place at the North Valleys Community Center on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 4-6:30pm, providing Parks and partnering agencies such as Senior Services, the Washoe County School District, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, the Washoe County Library, the Food Bank of Northern Nevada and other partners to provide outreach and information about the services that they provide to the North Valleys Communities.

## NORTH REGION UPCOMING EVENTS

- Rangers Celia Walker and Lauren Hay will lead a Junior Ranger Adventure Day at Swan Lake Nature Study Area in partnership with the Nevada Department of Wildlife on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-10:30am.
- A Junior Ranger Adventure Day will take place at the Pollinator Garden located with Rancho San Rafael Regional Park's Nevada Farms and Families Area on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-10:30am.